Access to Property Assessment Information

Under Section 299 of the *Municipal Government Act*, an assessed person has the right to receive or see all assessment-related information about their own property, including;

- all documents, records and other information in respect of your property that the assessor has in their possession or under their control,
- key factors, components and variables of the valuation model used in preparing the assessment of your property, and
- any other information prescribed or otherwise described in the regulations.

Under Section 300 of the *Municipal Government Act*, an assessed person has the right to receive a summary of information on properties similar to theirs, including;

- a description of the parcel of land and any improvements, to identify the type and use of the property
- the size of the parcel of land
- the age and size or measurement of any improvements,
- the key factors, components and variables of the valuation model applied in preparing the assessment of property, and
- any other information prescribed or otherwise described in the regulations.

Note: If a taxpayer believes that the information provided by the municipality does not meet the requirements set out in the *Municipal Government Act*, he/she may complete a <u>Compliance</u> <u>Review form</u> and forward it to the address on the form for review.

Key Principles:

- A taxpayer may request information from a municipality at any time during the year.
- Information available to a taxpayer must be accessible, transparent and complete while protecting confidentiality and privacy.

• A municipality must provide information if it is satisfied that necessary confidentiality will not be breached. A municipality cannot deny a request for assessment information as it is not subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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